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## INTER STATE COMMERCE

# Railroad Profits

commendations

Rates for Grain Roads

Washington, Dec. 17.-The annual year ending June 30th to be \$605,500, affairs, according to instructions. 000, \$3100 per mile. This exceeds previous years by \$57,300,000, and paid \$30,000,000 more in dividends. The report is outspoken regarding combiwhich formerly existed has been largeinvolve consequences to the public blockade. claim its most serious atten-The criminal provisions of the presof the past year, are a dead letter, There ought to be some power which thing as a "pacific blockade," He said will compel grain-carrying roads in the Northwest to maintain a published lavolved a state of war. There was rate, as well as make fair, reasonable rates. Attention is called to the grat clusion of his speech, as it was taken ifying results of the safety appliance those engaged in coupling and un arises whether Secretary Hay will

## City Buried by Earthquake

Andjan, in Central Asia, has been regarding the arbitration overtures. quake. No details of the loss of life have yet been accertained. The city contained 30,000 inhabitants.

Argument in Beef Trust Case.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17 .- The famous 'beef trust" case came up for argu- will be set aside as a guarantee that the ment today before Judge Grosscup, in French claim will be protected by the United States circuit court. The the allies. point at issue is the granting of the injunction applied for by the govern-The defendants in the case are Swift ment to define for this country exact-& Co., the Cudahy Packing Company, ly what is meant by a "peaceful blockthe Hammond Packing Company, Ar. ade. mour & Company, Schwarschild & the latest style of cases, \$2.50 to \$30, and interstate commerce laws, and an discussed fully. checking such alleged violations.

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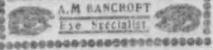
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### MINISTER MONEY BOWEN IN DEMAND

# other Legation

Claim Imbroglio

Wants Fair and Reasonable U. S. Lays Down the Law for Bill Discriminating Against Reccommend Factory Inspec-An Open Port

Washington, Dec. 17.-Minister eport of the interstate commerce Bowen cabled the state department commission was sent to congress to from Caracas this morning that the day. It shows the not earnings of the Italian minister had left. Bowen has railways in the United States for the assumed charge of the Italian legation

Germany Has Ulterior Motives.

London, Dec. 17 .- Premier Balfour, nations, and says that the competition Commons today, repeated the assurlanding troops, or occupying any part of the territory of Venezuela, Great before the entire situation will be Britain is most anxious that there should be as little inconvenience as and that the resulting conditions will possible to the neutral powers in the

proceed to an actual blockade. The German and English ships will act independantly. He admitted the controversy as to whether there was such a he personally believed that a blockade considerable excitement at the conto be Balfour's meaning that a lessened nearly 10,000 deaths among ships of all nations. The question then coupling cars than the previous year, agree to this, although it is not apparent how he can disagree unless America denies the right to Europeans to declare war on any South American

> It is believed that the Germans have old grievances, beside the financial

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.-The city of Nothing further has been received

French Claims Will Be Protected. Paris, Dec. 17.-Foreign Minister Deleasse has obtained assurances from England and Germany that certain customs revenues of Venezuela, which were, by agreement made last April,

Washington, Dec. 17.-Secretary ment to enjoin the packers from carry- Hay has cabled to Ambassador Tower, ing on business in restraint of trade. at Berlin, to ask the German govern-

The dispatch was couched in the of purchases for gifts. Here you will Sulzberger, Nelson. Morris & Com- suavest of diplomatic language, but it find the largest variety, the highest pany, and the officers and agents of was insistent that Germany should re quality, the lowest prices. We have these concerns. They are charged bly. This inquiry was decided upon watches with reliable movements, in with having violated the anti-trust at the cabinet meeting, where it was

> Although it has not been put into public expression, this government ? contends that there is no such thing us a "peaceful blockade." If a state of war does not exist this government will contend, at the proper time. that United States ships must be allowed to pass.

> The test will come when the Red D Line steamer Caracas arrives at La Guayra, probably next Saturday. If that ship goes through, as it is expected it will, other ships from other nations will also demand to go through and the "peaceful blockade" will be-

come a farce. If Germany insists on its right to blockade peaceably and refuse to let American ships through, then Admiral Dowey's fleet will be cent to Venezuein to convoy the American ships through the German and English lines. Admiral Dewey has been told ! to keep his floot together. The reason this government makes this demand of Gormany is because it has in writing in black and white the fulleststatement of Germany's intentions in from England. The diplomats of that nly a verbal statement of intent. The administration is awaiting Ger-

sany's answer with some auxiety. The situation is now more critical than it as been since the trouble becau.

Rebels Are After Cestro. New York, Dec. 17.-Sener Rojas to agent in this island of the Vene clan revolutionists, according to a

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# MONEY MONEY

### Report Shows Great Takes Charge of An- Taken For Various To Respond to Miner's Purposes

Only Thing

Musicians Lost

Washington, Dec. 17,-The Senate's irgency deficiency bill was taken up and passed in five minutes. A motion began a response to the charges madewas passed that when the Senate ad- by the miners. Former Congressman journ this afternoon it be until Satur- Wolverton, one of the operators' counday. Morgan gave notice that on Sat- cll, began an address when the comvide for acquiring the rights necesmian canal to be laid before the Sen- the commission petition the legislature passed without objection or amend spection laws against child labor. ment. The House committee of the Wolverton then started to address the whole reported without opposition the Hepburn amendment to the judiciary. immediately available with which the for enforcement of the anti-trust laws the little girl who testified she worked

House bill as amended then passed. the army and navy from competing had received \$1400 last year, of which with civilians was lost.

Baptism of Infant Duke.

of the Duke and Duchess of Mancheslaw, by which the death rate has been blockade, if declared, will be against the nobility signed the register as wit-

## COAL **OPERATORS** PREPARE

# Charges

Makes Some Very Good Re- No Change in the Venezuelan Continues to Be About the Discrepancy of Statements Challenged By Commission

tion of Child Labor

Scranton, Dec. 17.-Coal operators before the inquiry commission today mission opened.

Gray, after hearing the testimony of several inspectors, recommended that The pension appropriation bill asking it to pass stringent factory inommission in behalf of the operators

Before Wolverton had fairly started company employing Dunko had en Bill prohibiting enlisted musicians in tered a statement yesterday that he \$900 was his share. Dunko testified that the money had been divided between two miners and two laborers London, Dec. 17.-Great ceremonies He received \$30 a month, and was deeply in debt at the company's store when his little girl went to work. Juster, at noon today. Queen Alexandria tice Gray said he shouldn't let his is godmother. Prominent members of daughter work like this, no matter

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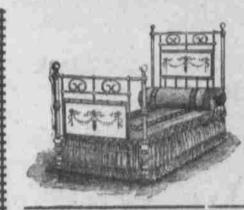
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